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- 1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT GOS WILL SEND AN EXPERT FROM JUSTICE MINISTRY TO SUPPLEMENT ITS DELEGATION TO ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES AT ITS NEXT SESSION APRIL 3. WE WELCOME THIS DEVELOPMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH SWEDISH DELEGATION.
- 2. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED THAT SWEDEN HAS RECENTLY REVISED ITS LEGISLATION TO APPLY THE SAME PENALTIES TO BRIBERY OF PRIVATE PERSONS AS TO BRIBERY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS. THAT IS AN INTERNAL MATTER ON WHICH WE HAVE EXPRESSED NO OPINION. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE GREATLY CONCERNED IF SWEDES SHOULD PROPOSE THAT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDER NEGOTIATION AT ECOSOC BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE COMMERCIAL BRIBERY AND HAVE SO ADVISED LEANDER. IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO ADVANCE WORK ON INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND PROPOSAL OF SUCH A BASIC CHANGE AT THIS LATE STAGE COULD SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE POSSIBILITIES OF WORKING GROUP COMPLETING ITS MANDATE THIS YEAR. SUCH A PROPOSAL MIGHT BE EXPLOITED BY THOSE WHO ARE NOT INTERESTED IN AN AGREEMENT

TO PROMOTE DELAY.

3. REQUEST YOU MAKE ABOVE POINTS TO APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIALS. VANCE

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